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Builders will now have to hand over common area to residents

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LAKE GOES TO WASTE...

Srigandadakaval Lake reduced to 'bowl of water' as gym, walking paths, amphitheater take over

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Amphitheater under construction

The size of Srigandadakaval Lake

Wonder what solid waste management department (SWM) of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has to do with rejuvenation of lakes in the city? Well, when there is money to be made, anything goes. Though BBMP has a Lakes Department - that has the exclusive responsibility to maintain and rejuvenate lakes -- strangely it is the SWM department that has its fingers in the Srigandadakaval Lake pie.

It is alleged that officials and elected representatives played a key role in convincing the then Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa to release funds to establish leachate treatment plants at waste processing units. It is alleged that the funds meant for establishing leachate treatment plants have been diverted for the rejuvenation and development of the Srigandadakaval Lake that is

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"Is there a detailed project report for rejuvenation? Are the authorities concerned following the norms of Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority? We need our lake to be restored fully with water capacity — Shobha Bhat, Usiru Foundation

All's quiet at this library

Public digital library at Kengeri was ready in 2020, but nobody knows when it will be open for use

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A public digital library that would have benefitted countless students in Kengeri has been ready for months, but there is no sign of when it will be opened. The library was sanctioned in 2009.

Work for the library at the Kengeri Satellite Town was completed in 2020 at the behest of the members of the Jayaprakash Narayana Vedike. The proposal is to construct a Bangalore One, gym, and a women's social space. The Library Department also issued a notice stating that land needs to be mandatorily used for library purposes alone.

"We had complained about the delay in opening the library thrice already. The library was sanctioned in 2009 and work was completed by 2020. Around 50 bundles of books and furniture have been added but the opening has been delayed for the past three years. This is one of the biggest libraries in the area with all educational institutions but it's being delayed," said BM Shivakumar, a President of Jayaprakash Narayana Vichara Vedike.

In March 2023, the Department of

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Classical morning

Get the chance to attend the Bharatanatyam Rangapravesha of Tripti Nair, disciple of Smt Anuradha Vikranth, in Malleswaram this month. The event is being presented by the Drishti Art Centre.
Where: Seva Sadam, Malleswaram
When: Sunday, August 6; 10 am

02 Exclusive art

National Gallery of Modern Art, Bengaluru (NGMA B) presents in-house curated sculpture exhibition Pratibha from the permanent collection of NGMA Bengaluru going on at the new wing gallery. The exhibition showcases 39 sculptures and mixed media artworks of well-known artists who have contributed to the history of modern art in India.
Where: #49, Manekyavelu Mansion, Palace Road
When: until August 20; Tuesday to Friday 11 am to 06 pm; Saturday and Sunday 11 am to 07:30 pm; Monday gallery remains closed

03 Best varieties

Don't miss out on the chance to visit the Rajasthan Handloom and Handicrafts Exhibition, which features a vast collection of cotton and silk handlooms from Karnataka and other states. You can get your hands on a variety of jewellery, such as silver, Kundan, meenakari, precious and semi-precious gemstones, paintings, leathercraft, and more.
Where: Someshwara Sabha Bhavan, RBI Layout, JP Nagar 7th Phase
When: until August 4

Flower show to begin soon

Ongoing flower show preparation for Independence Day in Lalbagh

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Feel the crunch

City eateries to hike prices by 10 to 20 per cent from today onwards; prices of essential items, including vegetables and milk to increase too

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Starting today, whether you dine out or stay at home, the prices are definitely going to pinch your pocket. From today (August 1), numerous hotels in the city are set to hike their prices by 10 to 20 per cent. Bruhat Bengaluru Hotels Association President, PC Rao, explained that due to a 30 per cent increase in the prices of essential items like grains, rice, and coffee powder, hotel prices will experience a 10 per cent increment.

Additionally, the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) is increasing the prices of milk and curd by Rs 3 per litre, with the primary focus being to ensure that the entire benefit of this price increase reaches the milk producers. KMF officials noted that Nandini milk was previously priced lower than similar products from other states. Even before the recent hike, Nandini milk was priced at Rs 39 per litre, while other brands like Dodla, Heritage, Tirumala, Govardhan, Arokya, and Jersey ranged between Rs 48 and Rs 52 per litre.

The price increase for milk has been delayed for an extended period. The selling price of milk had been fixed at Rs 3 per litre in November 2022, but the increase was held up due to disagreements between the government and KMF. After a tug-of-war, a final decision was reached, resulting in a Rs 2 per litre increase. Now, it is going up by Rs 3 again.

Meanwhile, vegetable prices continue to remain high due to incessant rainfall, causing significant damage to crops.

Selva, a trader at KR Market, said, "The price of tomatoes has soared to Rs 140 per kg from Rs 70 per kg a fortnight ago. The supply of tomatoes in the market has significantly decreased, with farmers selling them for Rs 80 to Rs 100 per kg, while consumers end up purchasing them at the escalated price of Rs 140 per kg. Similar situations have affected other vegetables as well. Green chilies are being sold at Rs 120 per kg, ginger at Rs 250 per kg, capsicum at Rs 60 per kg, and beans at Rs 60 per kg. However, onions seem to be the cheapest option at Rs 25 per kg, and carrots are sold for Rs 60 per kg. The scarcity of vegetables has led consumers to reduce their daily purchases significantly."

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The price hikes for essential commodities are posing challenges for the common populace, with many feeling the impact of the increased costs on their daily expenses.

Suresh Kumar, a hotel customer, expressed his concerns, stating, "Earlier, a small-sized fast food joint sold coffee and tea for Rs 10 per cup. Then, they increased it to Rs 12. Now, it is set to go up again. While we are adjusting to the rise in food prices, no one seems to be listening to our woes."

Dinesh R, an auto driver, added, "I used to spend Rs 250 for breakfast and lunch, including coffee and tea. However, from August 1, my daily expenses may go up to Rs 300. If the expenses increase, there's nothing we can do. For instance, if tomato prices have gone up, we can only reduce the quantity, but we can't avoid buying it."

Good news for home buyers from KRERA

Builders must hand over common area to residents

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The Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (KRERA) recently issued a significant directive to a builder, Signature Dwellings Private Limited, based on a complaint filed by Sandeep GW and Jonali Das. The judgement, given under Section 18 of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016, instructs the builder to transfer the common area to the association of allottees immediately after the formation of the association. Additionally, the builder is directed to provide car parking space to the complainants in accordance with the BBMP Building Bye-laws, 2003.

This judgement marks a noteworthy change, as until now, many builders have retained control over common areas in residential apartment complexes without transferring them to the respective associations of allottees.

With the KRERA's ruling, builders are now required to transfer the common area at the apartment complexes to the association of allottees, benefitting home buyers who have long awaited this

Karnataka Home Buyers' Forum Sanchalak Dhananjaya Padmanabhachar, expressed his appreciation for the KRERA's order. He said, "The current order given in the Signature Crest Apartment case is very important and sets the directions for long pending issues in Karnataka with respect to transfer of common areas to the association of allottees''. He emphasized the importance of transferring common areas to the registered association of allottees as per Section 17 of RERA, urging home buyers to demand this transfer to ensure their rights and responsibilities are safeguarded. "Home buyers need to ensure they form a registered association of allottees and take the transfer of common areas by asking the promoters to execute a conveyance deed as per section 17 of RERA. For projects before RERA, home buyers need to demand the transfer of common areas as per section 11 of Karnataka Ownership Flats Act 1972,'' he said.

Jibin Jayaram, a home buyer, has termed the judgment an excellent order from RERA. "In Karnataka, it has been a prevailing issue where land title never gets conveyed in the name of the association of apartment owners. The builder and land owners continue to enjoy the same till eternity unlike the state of Maharashtra where either promoters conveys the land or associations opt for deemed conveyance. One of the main issues for not being able to do land conveyance in Karnataka is that apartment owners associations are unregistered and hence conveyance deeds can't be executed to a non-body corporate,'' said Jibin Jayaram.

He said that it is high time that home buyers start registering their associations under the competent authority to become a body corporate like under associations/cooperative societies under KCSA 1959 Act and take control of their undivided share of land that belongs to them.

Fake currency ring exposed

Cottonpet police apprehended three suspects who were caught with 1,307 counterfeit cash notes of the 500-dollar denomination, amounting to Rs 6.5 lakh. The main suspect, Saravanan, 34, hails from Karur in Tamil Nadu. His accomplices, Nitin Shivan, 19, and Devan Rajendran, 20, are natives of Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala. On July 28, a police team led by Balaraj G caught them red-handed near the skywalk at the city railway station.

According to the police, Saravanan used to procure the fake money from a contact in Bihar. The suspects communicated through Instagram profiles.

During interrogation, Saravanan confessed that he planned to buy counterfeit currency with a face value of Rs 1 lakh for Rs 25,000, which he would then distribute through his contacts in crowded areas.

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The dig bang theory: Roads reduced to pits in HN Halli

Roads at 1.5-km stretch left untarred each time it is dug up for infra work

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The HN Halli lake road in Bengaluru has been plagued with muddy and pathetic conditions, repeated road digging, and inadequate tarring since 2019, causing a daily nightmare for commuters. With the regular rains in the city, the situation has worsened, posing challenges for the locals.

The Bengaluru Nava Nirmana Party (BNP) and residents of HN Halli lake road have expressed concerns about the neglected 1.5 km stretch in Ward 90 of Mahadevapura zone. It all began in 2019-20 when the road was dug up to lay big-sized irrigation pipes, leaving it untarred. After multiple follow-ups by residents, the road was eventually tarred. However, in 2012, the road was again dug up for Cauvery water pipe chambers, and once more, proper tarring was neglected. The height of the chambers even rendered the road unsuitable for vehicles.

Adding to the woes, the road faced digging in 2022 for UGD pipes and small chambers, but restoration efforts were not carried out. Cable operators and GAIL also contributed to the road's deterioration by digging without proper tarring.

Speaking about the issue, a resident of Ward 90 said, "We pay property tax and every other type of tax, but where are the amenities that we deserve? The road has potholes and is bumpy. The rains have further made it unfit, causing vehicles to lose control, posing a threat to the safety of commuters. In the last five years, the HN Halli Lake Road was fit to use hardly for a year. There are also open drains in the ward which are filled with silt and garbage. I have tried contacting concerned departments, and I only get to hear the blame game and absolutely no solution. Each agency blames the other for the poor quality of roads, while the citizens suffer the consequences."

The residents further said, "The former MLA Arvind Limbavali took this road to reach Radha Reddy layout to inaugurate a cement road inside the layout. However, he did not pay attention to the main line of the road, which connects to Sarjapur main road. School buses run almost 100-150 times on this pathetic road every day. In addition, the status on the BBMP Sahaya app always shows work in progress for so many years."

Vishnu Reddy, Zonal President - Mahadevapura zone, said, "The lack of accountability and coordination between civic agencies is the major reason behind Bengaluru's bad roads. This reason also holds good for other civic issues in the city. In addition to this, a lack of coordination and planning among these agencies leads to haphazard digging, resulting in uneven and damaged roads. It is high time that these agencies come together, set aside their differences, and work towards a common goal of providing the residents of Bengaluru with well-maintained roads."

Indira Belde, a Governing Council Member of BNP, said, "Better and safe roads for Bengaluru have become a distant dream. Prior to the elections, there was hurried road construction that caused the roads to cave in and dents wherever UGD work was done. In addition, the infamous potholes are back. Unnecessary digging and shoddy restoration work have become a serious problem. BBMP should stop allowing reckless digging. It is time for the BBMP to rethink the way it handles road works."

Huge craters have been let unattended to at HN Halli Lake Road since it was dug up, first in 2019

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Street vendors rally against evictions

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Hundreds of street vendors marched from KR Puram to Freedom Park on Monday, voicing their demands and seeking an end to evictions from main roads in the city.

Earlier, the street vendors under the leadership of the Federation of All Karnataka Farmers and Traders had decided to take out the rally to the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee Office from KR Puram. The street vendors wanted to walk all the way to the KPCC Office but later changed their plans. Organisers arranged trucks to transport the agitating vendors, avoiding potential traffic congestion on Old Madras Road and providing relief to commuters.

Speaking with Bangalore Mirror, Yele Srinivas, President of KR Puram Market Association, said that the street vendors are compelled to take out the rally to highlight how police and BBMP authorities have been evicting street vendors from the streets in the city.

The vendors' demands include conducting a survey to identify street vendors and issuing them identity cards. They also called for the establishment of a development authority for the welfare of street vendors, emphasizing the education of their children. Additionally, the vendors sought access to facilities similar to those available to construction workers.

Following the rally, a delegation of street vendors met Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar. The Deputy Chief Minister assured them that evictions would cease, but also advised the vendors not to obstruct footpaths while conducting business. In response, the vendors agreed not to block footpaths and subsequently withdrew their protest.

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Hundreds of street vendors marched to end evictions from main roads

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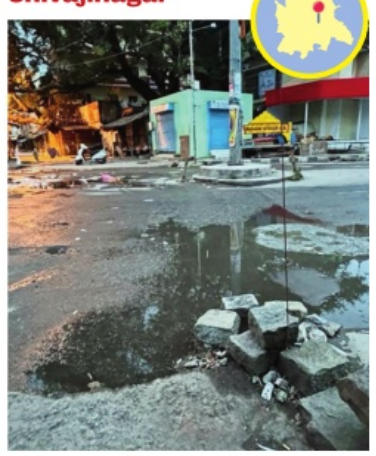
Abandoned road
Indira Nagar

The road in Indiranagar 5th Main, Hal 2nd Stage, remains unrepaired for the past six months after the pipe changes.

Accident zone
Richmond Town

The Serpentine Street/Myrtle Lane Junction in Richmond Town has become a hotspot for daily bike accidents due to an uneven stone drainage cover.

Sewage overflow
Shivajinagar



In Ward 93, Shivajinagar, Quadrant Circle, residents are facing a severe sewage overflow issue due to clogged drains.

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Will K'taka scrap NEP? As V-Cs stay mum, students in limbo

Academicians refuse to make their stance on NEP clear as govt awaits response

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State government has asked vice-chancellors to submit their opinions on NEP in writing

The situation of the vice-chancellors in the State is unimaginable as the scrapping of the National Education Policy (NEP) has taken a curious turn in Karnataka. Many academicians choose 'silence' over voicing their opinions to avoid entanglement between the State and Central Governments. The Siddaramaiah-led state government had asked the vice-chancellors to submit their opinions in writing, but to date, no responses have been received, according to sources.

Prof. Sidde Gowda, Vice-President of Karnataka State Higher Education Council, confirmed that no VCs had provided written opinions on NEP so far. Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar stated, "We had already directed the VCs to provide their opinions in writing. If they choose not to respond, it might imply they are favouring NEP." However, an anonymous vice-chancellor expressed, "The role of a VC is to strictly follow and implement government orders. Publicly favouring one government over another could lead to complications. If the State Government decides to scrap NEP, we will comply without openly commenting on it."

Out of the 41 universities in the State, 32 have already implemented NEP. When Sudhakar took over as Higher Education Minister, he held a meeting with VCs in early June, seeking their opinions. However, many hesitated to share their views on record, prompting the Minister to request written responses. The previous BJP government introduced NEP in the 2021-22 academic year, making Karnataka the first state to implement it. Currently, students admitted under the NEP curriculum will enter their fifth semester in August, but the uncertainty surrounding the decision affects them the most.

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>
> –Prof Sidde Gowda, KSHEC

Sources indicate that if the state government scraps NEP and reintroduces the state education policy, the four-year honours course may be eliminated. Many students have already enrolled in honours courses across various universities. Scrapping the four-year program would require them to switch to a three-year course. Officials assure that since NEP won't be mentioned on mark cards, it will have no bearing on students. In Karnataka, there are 430 government and 375 private first-grade colleges. Prof. Gowda emphasises that any transition to the state education policy instead of NEP will not adversely affect students.

The Union Cabinet approved NEP in July 2020, and the Karnataka Government established a committee in December 2020 to execute NEP in the State. The scheme was rolled out from the 2021-22 academic year, with the notification issued in August 2021 and NEP implemented in October 2021.

An official stated, "The State government may not entirely scrap NEP for now. Instead, to begin with, the multiple exit scheme may be discontinued. However, the choice of subjects under NEP may continue. There are no immediate changes to the curriculum for degree colleges. The fifth and sixth-semester curriculum has already been sent to the universities. The respective universities must now ratify it through their board of studies before teaching the students." Meanwhile, students are urging the government to take a call at the earliest.

Modelled on web series, jeweller devises heist

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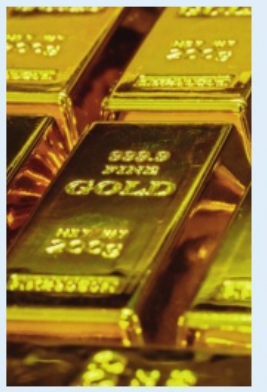
Inspired by a web series, a 24-year-old jeweller in Bengaluru staged a Rs 2 crore theft of gold and silver to receive insurance money.

Raj Jain, a resident of Binnypet, complained to the Cottonpet police on July 12 that his relatives who were carrying gold and silver jewellery worth Rs 2 crore were robbed on their way to Hyderabad. He stated that the event happened on the city market flyover at around 7:30 p.m. Jain maintained that the area had no CCTV cameras.



However, Inspector Balaraj G's squad, after speaking with a few drivers on the flyover discovered that the gold jewellery had not actually been stolen but rather moved to another location.

The police started looking into Jain's phone calls since he was a suspect. They also monitored his and his relatives' whereabouts at the time of the purported theft. But unfortunately, no leads were found.

During the investigation, they learned that he had requested an insurance payout for gold that had been taken. He was travelling between Bengaluru and Hyderabad at the same time. Jain was later apprehended after the police discovered that he had sold the gold. He confessed during questioning that he intended to make it appear like a robbery in order to receive a Rs 2 crore insurance payment in addition to the Rs 2 crore he received from selling it in Hyderabad.

Metro Mitra App to solve first-mile connectivity delayed

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The much-anticipated release of the Metro Mitra application, aimed at providing seamless first and last-mile connectivity for metro commuters, is likely to face delays due to technical difficulties. The Auto Rickshaw Drivers Union (ARDU), on July 12 initiated the project, the trial run of the application, a WhatsApp-based chatbot, which was scheduled to be released on August 15. However, multiple technical hurdles have arisen, leading to a time-consuming rectification process and potential delays in the release.

Passengers of the metro are eager for the application to be released as it would solve one of the biggest commuter issues in the city. The unavailability of autos for first and last-mile connectivity at metre fares is set by the government. ARDU, the union behind the initiative, was also involved with the building of Namma Yatri, a Bengaluru-based aggregator application known for its no-commission policy.

The new application will allow metro passengers to book an auto ride along with the purchase of a metro ticket. This can either be done through BMRCL's application or Metro's Whatsapp chatbot feature. The ONDC (open network for digital commerce) model is being used to run the application. The initiative also has an objective to instil professionalism back into the auto community by following the government meter fare model. However, there will be an additional flat fare charge of Rs 10 as pick-up and technology charges.

Once the auto ride is booked, the commuter will be sent a one-time password (OTP) along with the other details. The designated auto driver will pick up the commuter from Metro Mitra zones created for drivers in the vicinity of metro stations.

Technical issues have resulted in a delay in the integration of the initiative with the already existing chatbot. As a result, officials from Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), including the managing director Anjum Parvez, are set to verify the trial run on August 3. Once the verification is completed, the chatbot will become available for use.

Taxi, bus, auto unions voice demands

In a meeting on Monday, private transport operators including taxis, buses and auto unions demanded that state Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy set up an aggregator system for autos and cabs running in the city. Another meeting has been scheduled with the Chief Minister before August 10 to finalise the issue of life tax. In a bid to end all issues surrounding private aggregator platforms, the Karnataka government is planning to issue an app of its own. Minister Ramalinga Reddy said, "The private transport operators have demanded a state-run aggregator platform. We don't have any objection regarding this. With a state-run app, many of these issues could be resolved. The Ola-Uber drivers do not own vehicles and are renting out vehicles. The decision about roll-out will be announced by next week."

The various transport operator groups have demanded insurance for accidents. Additionally, they have also asked for Vidya Nidhi for their children. At the meet, groups have also demanded to celebrate Drivers Day to celebrate all the drivers in the city.

"Request has been made for establishing an Indira canteen in KIA. Drivers have stated their difficulty in getting breakfast and meals. The matter has been discussed with the BBMP Chief Commissioner regarding providing adequate land. As the land falls outside BBMP limits, it will be further discussed with the Chief Minister, " he added.

Drivers also demanded a common fare for all vehicle segments.

—BMB

Don't ride your bikes here

NHAI prohibits bikes on Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway; move aims to address potential risks posed to slow-moving vehicles on high-speed corridor

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Starting today, the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway will become the first in the state to prohibit bikes from entering the main carriageway. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has already placed posters in front of the toll booth announcing the same. Additional Director General of Police (Traffic and Road Safety) Alok Kumar inspected the expressway twice in the past and gave a report to the NHAI to take corrective steps to reduce the accidents.

A gazette notification in this regard was issued on July 12. According to the notification, certain classes of vehicles, such as motorcycles (including scooters and other two-wheelers), three-wheelers (including e-carts and e-rickshaws), non-motorised vehicles, tractors (with or without trailers), multi-axle hydraulic trailer vehicles, and quadri-cycles, are prohibited from using the Bengaluru-Mysuru Access Controlled Highway (NH-275). This move aims to address the potential risks posed to these slow-moving vehicles and ensure road safety on the high-speed corridor. Hence, the banned vehicles have to move only on service roads. This will also put an end to joy rides, as the expressway has recently turned into a place where youths are practising wheelies.

Moreover, artificial intelligence cameras have been installed on the expressway. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who inspected the road recently, said that there was a proposal to install these high-end cameras every 10 km.

Meanwhile, during a recent reply in Lok Sabha, Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari said, "The total number of accidents on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway since its opening in January 2023 has been significant. In Package-I, covering the Bengaluru-Nidaghatta section, there have been 189 reported accidents during this period, resulting in 59 fatalities."

NHAI displays posters at toll plaza, announcing the ban on vehicles; BM was the first to report in September 2021 about the planned ban on bikes

Similarly, Package-II, which includes the Nidaghatta-Mysore section, has witnessed 209 reported accidents, with 62 fatalities. The concerning frequency of accidents has prompted the NHAI to take action in order to enhance safety along the expressway. Speed limit sign boards have been installed at regular intervals all along the highway as per Indian Road Congress guidelines. Additional information boards at all the entry-exit locations are also provided for the guidance of travellers. Along with this, four patrolling vehicles (two in each package) are placed on the project stretch. Camera surveillance is also provided, he added.

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Safety first: Bikes stay off
2-wheeler riders upset with decision, but officials say move must to keep expressway safe

BM's report on July 26, 2023

"Two-wheelers, three-wheelers, and other slow-moving vehicles like non-motorised vehicles and agricultural tractors (with or without trailers) are prohibited from using the Bengaluru-Mysuru access controlled highway. NHAI has also constituted the Road Safety Committee for safety inspection of the Bengaluru-Mysuru access-controlled highway, and the committee visited the site during July 17–20, 2023. Further, the police department has taken the initiative to enforce speed limits with interceptors. Around four ambulances equipped with basic life support systems and paramedic staff have been provided to attend to emergencies on the highway. Further, a medical aid post has been provided at the toll plaza with a basic first aid facility," he explained.

> **"2-and-3-wheelers, other slow-moving vehicles like tractors are prohibited from using the highway**
> –Nitin Gadkari, Transport Minister

NHAI has adopted the Hyderabad model where bikes are banned on Nehru Outer Ring Road and PV Narasimha Rao Expressway. Initially, boards were displayed proposing a ban on bikes on the Nelamangala highway as well. However, due to pressure, the order was withdrawn. Similar calls to ban motorcycles on the Electronics City Expressway have arisen, as there have been instances of fatal accidents where riders fell off the bridge to their deaths.

1,700 kg drugs seized in 1 month

The city police, in the month of July, seized 1,785 kg of drugs worth Rs 18 crore. Different types of narcotics of different weights were seized.

Bengaluru city police registered a total of 378 cases against drug dealers and users in July, of which 474 were Indians and 13 were foreign nationals, including 47 interstate accused. Out of them, 72 cases have been registered against drug peddlers and 306 cases against drug users. In these cases, 1,785 kg of narcotics with an estimated value of Rs 18 crore have been seized, including 1,723 kg of Ganja, 55.895 kg of Opium, 40 gm of Heroin, 1.026 kg of Hashish oil, 467 gm of Charas, 570 gm of Cocaine, 3.198 kg of MDMA, 572 pills, and 43 LSD strips.

In July, police conducted a continuous operation against those selling drugs near educational institutions and registered 21 cases against them and 32 cases against those consuming them. Furthermore, 24 cases have been registered against those selling tobacco products. — BMB

Rail robbery, quite literally

The shocking issue of stealing and selling railway rails in the city has come to light.

The police have seized the vehicle that was transporting rail rods from Carmelaram railway station near Kodathi Gate and have started an investigation.

The railway tracks were hauled by a team of local youths. Suspicion had arisen among the team after the vehicle was stopped and the proper document was not shown. As a result, the police seized the vehicle.

A new railway track from Bengaluru to Tamil Nadu is underway. The wires from here were transported to a warehouse near Kodathi Gate. Later, it was planned to ship from there to Andhra Pradesh. The wires found in the vehicle were cut with a gas cutter. — BMB

Pellet attack: Narrow escape for macaque

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An eight-year-old female bonnet macaque got a fresh lease of life on Sunday, thanks to the doctors and prompt action taken by the rescuer.

The surgical team of the People for Animals Wildlife Hospital carried out a marathon surgery on the skull of the macaque and removed two bullet pellets deeply embedded in the cranium of the macaque's brain. While the primate has shown signs of recovery, the bullets shot in her head have left the left side of her body paralysed.

The primate was rescued by Sameer SM, a resident of Nagarbhavi, on Wednesday morning while he was on his way to work.

The macaque was brought to the rescuers badly injured

"I was heading for work, and the monkey, out of nowhere, rammed into my vehicle and fell unconscious. I was about to leave when I saw she was not moving. I took her to a local veterinary hospital, and the doctors attended to her wounds. The incident took place around noon, and when I came back to visit her in the evening the same day, I realised she was not doing well. I reached out to PFA and admitted her there. Three days later, I got a call back from the hospital informing me that the doctors had found bullet pellets inside her head," recalled Sameer, a sales executive.

Upon further inquiry, locals informed Sameer and alleged that primate mothers are often found injured in the area in an attempt to take away the infants.

"Locals claimed that they have witnessed mother macaques sustaining injuries in the past as well. When the macaque rammed into my vehicle on Wednesday, she was also carrying an infant that moved on with the troop after the mother fell unconscious. Locals claimed that it was mainly to take away the baby," explained Sameer.

After initial stabilisation, a series of x-rays of the brain of the bonnet macaque were carried out at PFA, and two pellets of the bullet were embedded in the frontal lobe and cerebrum of the brain. According to Dr Nawas Shariff of PfA, the nature and marks of the injury indicate that the primate was shot by a double-barreled gun. "When the monkey was brought in, she was bleeding profusely. A radio diagnosis showed two pellets in her brain, with one embedded deep inside. Two pallets in the same spot indicate the animal was shot by a cartridge with multiple pallets. The airgun uses a single pellet, and this is not an airgun injury. The second pallet found very close to the first palate inside her brain indicates she was shot by a double-barreled gun. I have written to the PCCF of the Karnataka Forest Department and the commissioner of police with details of the case and have requested that they take action," said Dr Shariff. All through the surgery, the macaque was put on oxygen support, and vital parameters were monitored.

> **"A radio diagnosis showed two pellets in the monkey's brain, with one embedded deep inside**
> –Dr Nawaz Shariff, PfA

Funds for leachate treatment plants diverted?

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located near Chennappa Layout, Sunkadakatte of RR Nagar Zone.

Though no BBMP engineer is ready to give information on the amount released for the leachate treatment plants, reliable sources told BM that funds running into more than Rs 50 crore were released for establishing leachate processing units at waste processing units. The funds were diverted for the rejuvenation of three lakes – Mallathahalli, Hosakerehalli, and Srigandadakaval.

Killing a lake with amenities

This correspondent visited Srigandadakaval Lake on Saturday and found the ongoing developmental works were in progress. The lake looked like a bowl with no original water holding capacity. If the open gym, amphitheater, and two wide walking paths around the lake are any indication, it seems the BBMP SWM department gave more importance to other amenities than focusing on retaining the original water holding capacity of the lake. The inlets of the lakes serve no purpose as they are more than five to 10 ft above the ground level.

Some of the environment-conscious residents and lake activists expressed disappointment over the shoddy rejuvenation work at Srigandadakaval Lake. "The size of the lake has been reduced drastically. It has come down from 6.20 acres to 4 acres. The authorities must make efforts to retain the lake," said Vasu C, a resident of Health Layout.

HD Shivalinge Gowda, a resident of Chennappa Layout, said that the lake was used to dump garbage and it was full of weeds. "Earlier, the lake had no bund and no water," said Gowda.

Balaji Rathogham, a lake activist, said that he prefers to see the lake in its wild form and not as a bowl of water. "Nowadays, the authorities are turning lakes into parks," he said.

According to Shobha Bhat of Usiru Foundation, the lake was earlier used for dumping and burning garbage and with great efforts that activity was stopped.

"Is there a detailed project report for rejuvenation? Are the authorities concerned following the norms of Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority (KTCDA)? The school building will be a concrete jungle near the lake.

The Government School building can be constructed at another better place but the lake cannot be constructed or created at another location. We need our lake to be restored fully with water capacity and surroundings with native plants and greenery which benefits birds and other small creatures' happy living," said Bhat.

Expressing concern over the spending of the funds meant for leachate treatment plants for the rejuvenation of the lake, V Ramprasad, co-founder and convener of Friends of Lakes, said the water bodies near waste management units would be polluted if the leachate treatment plants are not established. "Diverting funds meant for establishing leachate treatment plants is wrong and an act drunk on power. The lake is meant for flood mitigation. The authorities have violated the Section 12 of the KTCDA Act by reducing the original water holding capacity of the lake," said Ramprasad.

Meanwhile, BBMP Lakes Department Chief Engineer Vijayakumar Haridas said that his department has nothing to do with the ongoing works at Srigandadakaval Lake. "The rejuvenation of the lake is taken up by the Solid Waste Management Department," he said. When informed, Bangalore Solid Waste Management Limited Chief General Manager Praveen Lingaiah said that he has assumed office recently and does not have information on the ongoing rejuvenation.

That said, we may never know why the Solid Waste Management Department was allowed to take up rejuvenation of Srigandhada Lake. Only the BBMP can clear this confusion.

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Students demand bigger library be thrown open

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Public Libraries objected to the proposal to construct non-library related amenities. The director of the public library stated that the purpose of the permission was to expand the library and construct a digital library.

The decision to construct a new building comes with the view that the existing library does not have adequate space for its users. The old library space had a space of 30X40 sq feet constructed in 1995 and can host a maximum of 50 people and the new library with 3,795 sq feet space will provide sufficient space for students to conduct their required research.

Demanding more facilities, the college students had conducted a protest. "More students keep coming but the library available is very small. As the numbers increase, the space is insufficient. The new library will be beneficial for students," a student told BM.

Additionally, activists also complain that the HOPCOMS stall established on the ground floor is yet to open. "Both the library and HOPCOMS stall will be highly beneficial to both college students and citizens of the area but it's being delayed," said Shivakumar.

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WEIGHING IN

Renaming obesity won't fix weight stigma overnight. Here's what we really need to do

The stigma that surrounds people living in larger bodies is pervasive and deeply affects the people it's directed at. It's been described as one of the last acceptable forms of discrimination.

Some researchers think the term "obesity" itself is part of the problem, and are calling for a name change to reduce stigma. They're proposing "adipose-based chronic disease" instead.

We study the stigma that surrounds obesity – around the time of pregnancy, among health professionals and health students, and in public health more widely. Here's what's really needed to reduce weight stigma.

Weight stigma is common

Up to 42 per cent of adults living in larger bodies experience weight stigma. This is when others have negative beliefs, attitudes, assumptions and judgements towards them, unfairly viewing them as lazy, and lacking in willpower or self-discipline.

People in larger bodies experience discrimination in many areas, including in the workplace, intimate and family relationships, education, health care and the media.

Weight stigma is associated with harms including increased cortisol levels (the main stress hormone in the body), negative body image, increased weight gain, and poor mental health. It leads to decreased uptake of, and quality of, health care.

Weight stigma may even pose a greater threat to someone's health than increasing body size.

Should we rename obesity?

Calls to remove or rename health conditions or identifications to reduce stigma are not new. For example, in the 1950s homosexuality was classed as a "sociopathic personality disturbance".

Following many years of protests and activism, the term and condition were removed from the globally recognised classification of mental health disorders.

In recent weeks, European researchers have renamed non-alcoholic fatty liver disease "metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease". This occurred after up to 66 per cent of health-care professionals surveyed felt the terms "non-alcoholic" and "fatty" to be stigmatising.

Perhaps it is finally time to follow suit and rename obesity. But is "adiposity-based chronic disease" the answer?

A new name needs to go beyond BMI

There are two common ways people view obesity.

First, most people use the term for people with a body-mass index (BMI) of 30kg/m² or above. Most, if not all, public health organisations also use BMI to categorise obesity and make assumptions about health.

However, BMI alone is not enough to accurately summarise someone's health. It does not account for muscle mass and does not provide information about the distribution of body weight or adipose tissue (body fat). A high BMI can occur without biological indicators of poor health.

Second, obesity is sometimes used to describe the condition of excess weight when mainly accompanied by metabolic abnormalities.

To simplify, this reflects how the body has adapted to the environment in a way that makes it more susceptible to health risks, with excess weight a by-product of this.

Renaming obesity "adiposity-based chronic disease" acknowledges the chronic metabolic dysfunction associated with what we currently term obesity. It also avoids labelling people purely on body size.

Is obesity a disease anyway?

"Adiposity-based chronic disease" is an acknowledgement of a disease state. Yet there is still no universal consensus on whether obesity is a disease. Nor is there clear agreement on the definition of "disease".

People who take a biological-dysfunction approach to disease argue dysfunction occurs when physiological or psychological systems don't do what they're supposed to.

By this definition, obesity may not be classified as a disease until after harm from the additional weight occurs. That's because the excess weight itself may not initially be harmful.

Even if we do categorise obesity as a disease, there may still be value in renaming it.

Renaming obesity may improve public understanding that while obesity is often associated with an increase in BMI, the increased BMI itself is not the disease. This change could move the focus from obesity and body size, to a more nuanced understanding and discussion of the biological, environmental, and lifestyle factors associated with it.

Workshopping alternatives

Before deciding to rename obesity, we need discussions between obesity and stigma experts, health-care professionals, members of the public, and crucially, people living with obesity.

Such discussions can ensure robust evidence informs any future decisions, and proposed new terms are not also stigmatising.

What else can we do?

Even then, renaming obesity may not be enough to reduce the stigma. Our constant exposure to the socially-defined and acceptable idealisation of smaller bodies (the "thin ideal") and the pervasiveness of weight stigma means this stigma is deeply ingrained at a societal level.

Perhaps true reductions in obesity stigma may only come from a societal shift – away from the focus of the "thin ideal" to one that acknowledges health and wellbeing can occur at a range of body sizes.

(By Ravisha Jayawickrama & Blake Lawrence, Curtin University, and Briony Hill, Monash University, The Conversation)

MIRRORLIGHTS

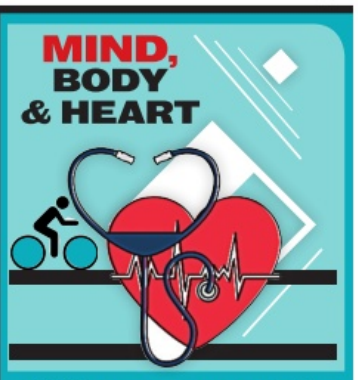
Physical activity may promote learning, wellbeing at secondary school: Study

According to a study by the University of Eastern Finland, adolescents who participate in active school travel and leisure-time physical exercise outperform their inactive peers in secondary school. Regular leisure-time physical activity, even in little amounts, was also linked to a lower risk of school burnout.

The study's findings have been published in the European Journal of Public Health.

The relationship of physical activity with learning and academic achievement is complex. However, prior studies have found that especially school-based physical activity, such as physical education, can improve classroom performance -- particularly in mathematics. Despite this, few studies have examined the association between active school transport and educational outcomes.

In the recently published study of over 34,000 adolescents, researchers observed that active school transport was associated with higher odds of high perceived academic performance and self-reported competency in academic skills. The association was even stronger for leisure-time moderate-to-vigorous physical activity. Similar to prior studies, the relationship between leisure-time physical activity and mathematical skills stood out. — **ANI**



All you need to know about...

Love languages

The 5 Love Languages is a concept created by Dr. Gary Chapman that explains how people give and receive love differently. Everyone has a preferred way of receiving love, and understanding your partner's love language can help improve your relationship.

1. Words of Affirmation
This means using words to express love and appreciation, such as saying "I love you," giving compliments, and providing encouragement. People who prefer this love language thrive on verbal appreciation and reassurance.

2. Quality Time
This means giving someone your undivided attention and spending time together, such as going on a date or engaging in a shared activity. People who prefer this love language value time and attention, and feel most loved when their partner makes an effort to be fully present with them.

3. Acts of Service
This means performing acts that show love and care, such as cooking a meal, doing the laundry, or running errands. People who prefer this love language feel most loved when their partner helps them with practical tasks and makes their life easier.

4. Gifts
This means giving and receiving tangible items that show love and thoughtfulness, such as flowers, chocolates, or a thoughtful present. People who prefer this love language value the thought behind the gift and feel most loved when their partner puts effort into finding a meaningful gift.

5. Physical Touch
This means showing love through physical touch, such as holding hands, hugging, or cuddling. People who prefer this love language feel most loved when they receive physical affection and touch from their partner.

—Femina

Chai-Time

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

Paul has 400 balls each with different numbers between 2001 and 2400 each representing a specific year. If he picks only one ball, what is the probability to obtain a number representing a leap year?

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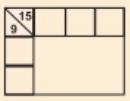
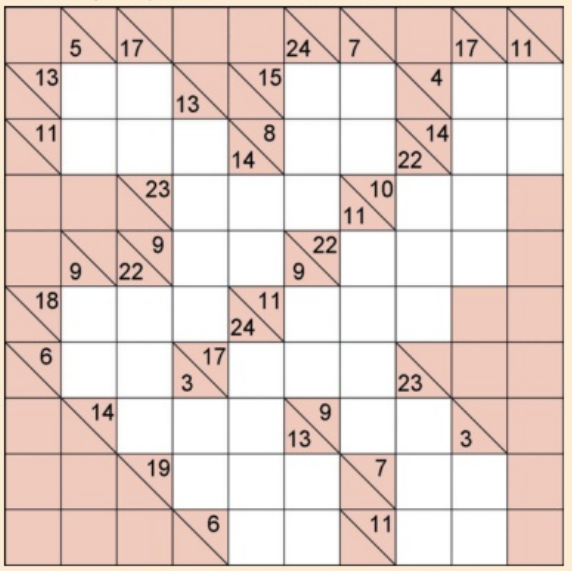
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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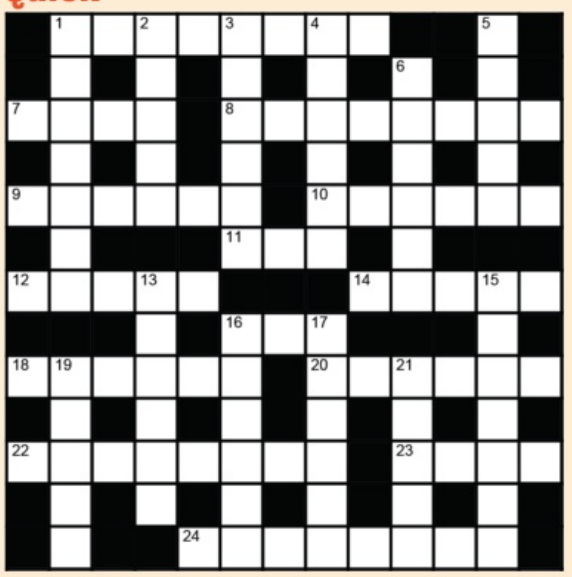


ACROSS

1 Arrange in columnar format or form? (8)
7 Competent (4)
8 Strayed off (8)
9 Bets (6)
10 Inscribed (6)
11 Israel's __ Aviv (3)
12 English as a prefix (5)
14 Duplicate or reproduce (5)
16 Superlative suffix (3)
18 Mendicant (6)
20 Drink or absorb (6)
22 The Spanish city of gold? (2,6)
23 Cash drawer (4)
24 Casts out, dispels or expatriates (8)

DOWN

1 Market near Brigade Road (7)
2 Fracture or crush (5)
3 Most base (6)
4 Glittering strings? (6)
5 Domestic birds (5)
6 Peyote (6)
13 A great number? (6)
15 Snacks; small pieces of food (7)
16 Errors in printing (6)
17 Copenhagen gardens (6)
19 Talk-show host ___ DeGeneres (5)
21 Female dog (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Z EQUALS H

ZV MZX MXJWVYT WCTPXAVYT DZQD DZCT CJ CDTVUS CT MXJWVY.

Linemaro

The more love I give you, the more I have

Mindchow

When you lose, do not lose the lesson

Joke of the day

Opportunities always look bigger going than coming

Loop

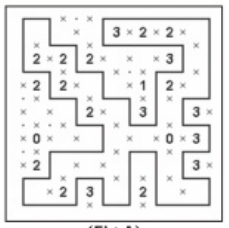
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

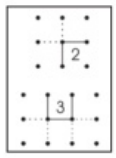
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

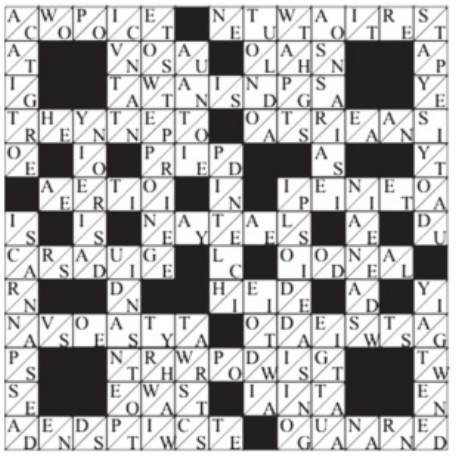


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

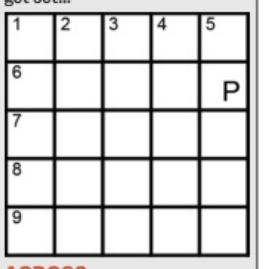
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

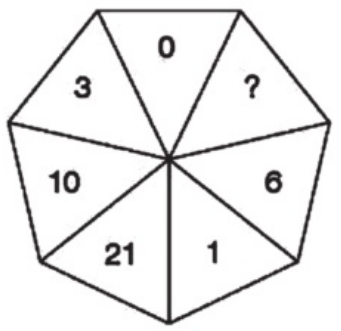
1 As pod; 6 Bap ma; 7 I tree; 8 A gait; 9 Hooks

DOWN

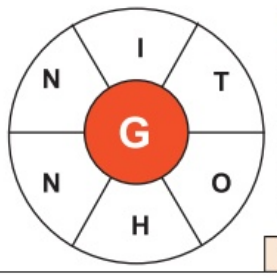
1 Drats; 2 He Boa; 3 A topi; 4 Mi Goa; 5 Spake

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

07 Average; **08** Good; **10** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

				8				
9			1		5			2
4			3		7			6
3		9				7		5
8	7		9		6		4	1
2		4				9		8
6			8		2			7
1			5		9			4
				3				

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 15

2 3 7 7

Medium = 9

3 3 5 9

Hard = 20

1 3 7 1

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

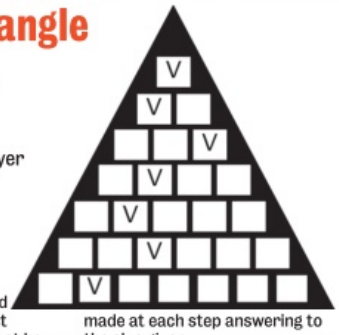
Differences: 1. Chair leg is not showing. 2. Flowers are moved. 3. Knife is missing. 4. Pot handle is lower. 5. Pan handle is longer. 6. Apron strap is moved.

Riddler

A time to sow, a time to reap But over a life, this time would creep I was created in 46 B.C. Brought into being by Caesar's decree But still the seasons were unimpressed Man-made and tropical slowly digressed So good Pope Greg set everything straight with inspired rules that worked out great I am grander than my common peers I come 97 times every 400 years By following my rules, as widely agreed We all know what day to plant our seed What am I?

Alpha triangle

1 Volt
2 Voice over, abbr.
3 Autumn mo.
4 Inferno
5 Sheeplike
6 Call upon via prayer
7 Calling to mind



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

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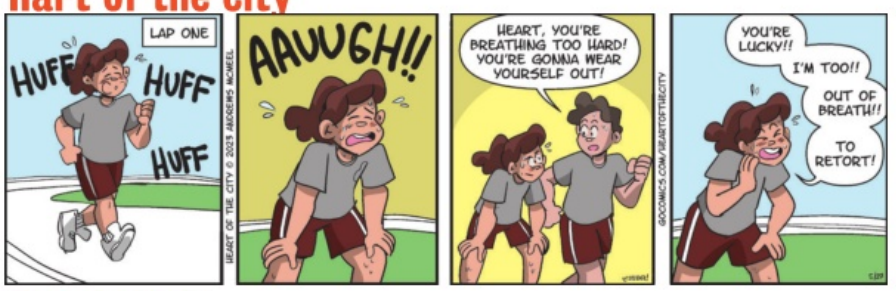
Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city



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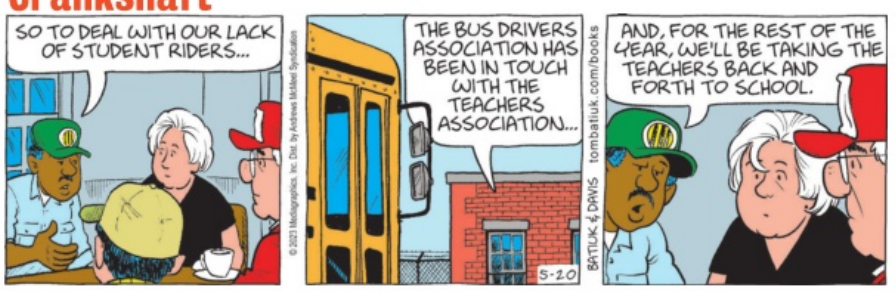
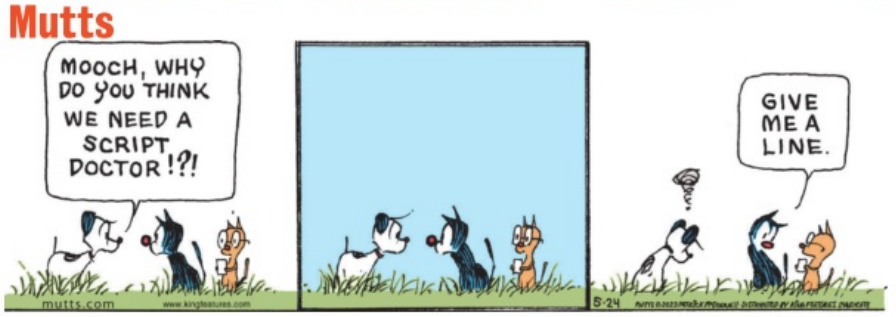


Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may be happy and blessed by the moon; you may feel healthy, which may reflect into your way of working. You may perform well in all areas of life, which may improve your prestige. Your concentration may be very good today; you may make some difficult decisions in your business in terms of growth.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today your vital power may slow down; your old disease may reappear, which may make you upset. You are advised to avoid adventure tours or rash driving. You are advised to avoid any type of ligations, you may settle it out of the jury. You may also plan for an overseas tour.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may start your day with happiness. At work, you may make quick decisions, which may increase your management skills and give benefits in the near future. You may expect some new source of income, which may boost your savings. With the help of your business partner, you may invest some amount in the business. Your bonding with the spouse may be increased.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be busy at your office. Due to mental tiredness, you may not be able to give time to your family. With the help of elder's blessings, job seekers may get some high position in the job, managers may get promoted to top management. You may get rewards, which may increase your status. Professionally you may do better.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may feel some positive vibrations around you, which may show you the right path. With the help of peace in mind, your performance on every front may be noticeable. Your destiny is with you. You may plan to visit a religious place, which is somehow far from your territory. Your inner sense may ask you to do some charity. You may also hear some good news in terms of a grandchild.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may feel some internal weakness. Some major health issues may be reoccurred. You may not be able to enjoy it on a domestic and professional front. Running projects may stop unexpectedly, it may make you upset. You are advised to drive safely. The elder's blessing may help you to come out from the messy situation.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may feel a positive vibration around you. Things are under control. You may plan to start a new business in a partnership. You may expect some long distance travel also. You will make a faith with your spouse, which will bring harmony in your domestic life.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today is a good day for you. Investors may get good gains in their investments, it may boost your financial health. Money which was stuck, may be recovered; it may increase liquidity in the business. You may become confident and have control over hidden enemies and opponents. Singles will likely find their matching the same field or work place.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may feel dissatisfied; you may not be able to take your responsibilities. Your investments may give you some loss. You are advised to read documents carefully before putting your signature. Parents' health may make you upset. You may plan to reconstruct your office, it is advised to postpone renovation for some days.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may plan to migrate from your current place to another place. It is advised to think twice before taking decisions regarding migration or change of place. You may also plan to change jobs. There will be peace in the mind. But your kids' health might make you upset. It is advised to avoid speculation in the investments.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may have good patience. Meditation may help you to increase concentration, which may help to speed up your project. Your subordinates may cooperate with you, it may help you to complete the project before the timeline. You are likely to go on short travels related to work. An influential person may help you to boost your network.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may be busy with family get together and social events; you may become polite with the people around you, which may increase your prestige among them. You may spend money buying some artifacts or household stuff, which may improve your social status. You are likely to hear some good news from one of your relatives.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
There are 97 leap years from 2001 to 2400. And there are 400 years between those years. So the probability of obtaining a ball with a number representing a leap year would be 97 / 400 or about 24.25 per cent.

BULL'S EYE

S	H	O	O	K
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FAST FIVE

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STRIKE OUT

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Athiya's fan fam Over the weekend, Athiya Shetty made heads turn as she walked the ramp in an intricately embroidered cream dress, featuring long sleeves. Among many in awe of her were Athiya's cricketer husband KL Rahul and father Suniel Shetty

SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Role of a journalist

Archana Jois is excited about her role as a TV journalist in the movie Kshetrapati. "Playing a journalist was a little bit challenging for me. It requires a unique body language. I am happy to meet the director's expectations. I play a journalist who supports farmers," said Archana.

Archana made her debut with a tele serial – Maha Devi – in 2015. She made her debut in Sandalwood with Kannada movie KGF: Chapter 1 in 2018. She also acted in Kannada movie Hondisi Bariyeri. "Kshetrapati is ready for release shortly. The movie is based on agrarian problems in rural areas. I am playing Bhoomika, a TV journalist," said Archana who is paired opposite Naveen Shankar.

The movie is slated for release on August 18. Naveen, known for his sterling performance in Kannada movies- Gultu, Hondisi Bareyiri and Hoysala plays the lead. Naveen plays Basava, a farmer, in this movie.

Anand Audio released the teaser of this movie recently.

The movie helmed by Srikant Katagi would be released through KRG Studios. It is bankrolled under the Ashraga Creations banner in association with The Emotions Factory Group.

The cast includes Archana Jois, Naveen Shankar, Achyuth Kumar, Rahul Ainapura and others.

Romantic comedy

Around 60 percent of the shooting of the movie Full Meals is done. N Vinayaka debuts as an independent director in Sandalwood with this film. Prior to this, he has worked as associate director for eight Kannada movies.

"Full Meals is a RomCom aimed to showcase today's youths. The movie touches upon love, life, destiny, and passion. The protagonist is a passionate yet struggling wedding photographer who tries to prove himself. In this process he gets entangled in his personal and love life," said Vinayaka.

The director made it clear that the script of Full Meals is completely different from the movie Sri Balaji Photo Studio. "Though protagonists in both the movies are wedding photographers, the concept of Full Meals is different," the director said.

He said Likith Shetty plays the lead in Full Meals. Kushee Ravi is paired opposite Likith Shetty in this movie.

"The shooting was held in and around Bengaluru, Kanakapura, Ramanagara, Nelamangala, and Bangalore Palace. We are searching for suitable locations for the remaining 40 percent of the shooting," the director said.

ON THEIR OWN PATH

Star kids who did not follow the acting route

A word that has majorly plagued the Bollywood industry in the last couple of years is 'nepotism'. As a lot of star kids follow in their parents' footsteps and enter the world of acting, they are often trolled for taking the easy path. However, there are a lot many star kids who maintain a safe distance from acting, and instead, channelise their talent into other avenues. ETimes takes a look at some star kids who did not foray into the acting world...

Shaheen Bhatt

The older daughter of filmmaker Mahesh Bhatt and actress Soni Razdan, Shaheen, sister to Alia, is an author, screenwriter and poet. The 34-year-old has also been outspoken about her lifelong struggle with depression and has chronicled her journey in a book called, 'I've Never Been (Un) Happier'. Unlike Alia, Shaheen is an introvert and prefers to keep to herself and is only occasionally spotted on outings with her immediate family.

Rhea Kapoor

The daughter of actor Anil Kapoor and wife Sunita, Rhea Kapoor is sister to Sonam and Harsh Varrdhan Kapoor. However, unlike her actor siblings, Rhea's interest lies in producing, and she has helmed movies like Veere Di Wedding, Aisha and Khoobsurat. Married to Karan Boolani, Rhea is also the owner of a fashion line, along with Sonam. Currently she is busy with 'The Crew', which she is producing. The movie, based on the airline industry in the country, stars Kareena Kapoor, Kriti Sanon and Tabu in lead roles.

Aryan Khan

The elder son of superstar Shah Rukh Khan and wife Gauri, 25-year-old Aryan Khan harbours no ambition to be an actor, unlike his sister Suhana, who will soon be making her Bollywood debut with Zoya Akhtar's 'The Archies'. Instead, Aryan's interest lies behind the camera and he has turned director with his maiden web-series 'Stardom', that will be out soon. Reportedly, the series is based on the Bollywood industry.

Jhanvi Mehta

The daughter of Juhi Chawla and businessman Jay Mehta, Jhanvi Mehta is unlike any other star kid. After completing her schooling from Dhirubhai Ambani International School, the 22-year-old recently graduated from the prestigious Columbia University. From the looks of it, seems like Jhanvi will soon join the ranks of her businessman father, as she was seen bidding for the Kolkata Knight Riders' IPL auction last year.

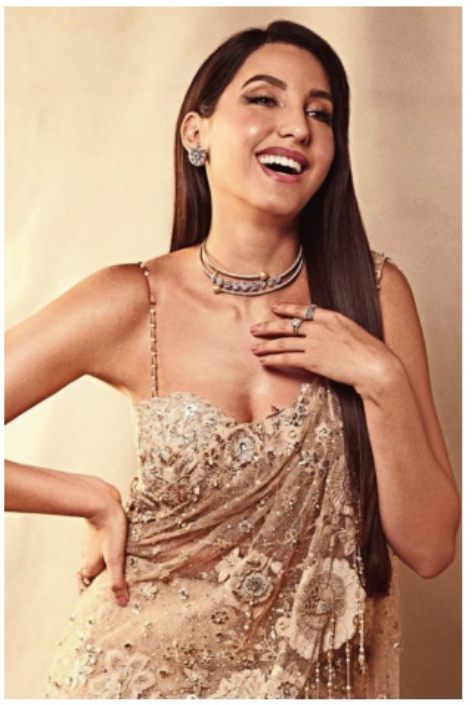
Love for PR

Nora Fatehi, who has very successfully created a niche for herself in the film industry with her gorgeous looks and impeccable dance moves, recently opened up about the next phase of her career.

Nora recently spoke about how she has played cameos in several films and they have all gone viral and has made her who she is today. However, in the next phase of her career she is working towards playing the lead roles.

The actress also added that she wants to see that evolution in every step of the way.

Nora also told Zoom Digital that although she is not a trained dancer, it is something that she absolutely loves and it has elevated her career. In the same interview, Nora also talked about the things she was asked to do in the industry in order to become popular or be in the news.



She revealed that she was constantly told to date specific people or actors for PR. However, she never listened to any of those things. According to her, she is glad that she didn't because today, she is the one making the rules and she works on her own terms. Nora also added that it has ensured that her success is not because of another guy next to her or a hero that she is hanging on to. It is on her own.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Nora Fatehi is currently shooting for the dance series 'Hip Hop India' alongside choreographer Remo D'Souza. Apart from this, the actress also has about four films in her pipeline. **—ETimes**